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MEMORANDUM FOR: Herbert Hetu, Director of Public Affairs  
[redacted] Special Assistant to  
the Director

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Publication of Unclassified Material

It is my understanding the Agency started publishing a lot more unclassified material back in about 1972. Can either, or both of you, dig out why that was the case. Who started it, why, and on what theory? In short, at the moment I'm meeting renewed resistance to producing another world energy study. Did whoever started this in 1972 look on it simply as an opportunity to publish economic statistics and not their interpretation thereof, i.e., the Economic Indicators Weekly? Are we pushing in really new directions or just a continuation and extension of what's been going on in the past?

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